

Millard County General Plan – Utilities Element County Goals, Objectives and Implementation Strategies

Utilities

County residents support the expansion of public utilities within existing communities or into areas designated for future growth and development.

Objective: *Encourage the coordinated planning and delivery of public utilities.*

Implementation Strategies:

- Develop a County capital facilities plan identifying a priority of services needed and where.
- Establish specific utility service areas, based upon the location of existing development and service lines.
- Identify areas where new development will most likely occur due to the availability of existing services or the ease of extending existing service lines. To avoid development "sprawl", services should be provided only to areas as scheduled.
- Provide opportunities for utility providers to meet with county planners to coordinate service extension areas.
- On request, provide developers and utility providers with maps and plans of future growth sites.
- Encourage underground installation of all new construction and conversions to underground where feasible.

Objective: *Coordinate with all Federal and State Agencies and all utility providers the County's preferred locations for all utility facilities and utility transmission corridors.*

Implementation Strategies:

- Unless directly associated with a "Electric Generating Facility" or "Wind Energy System (Major)" located in the County, all new "Electric Transmission Right-of-Way (Major)," "Gas Pipeline Right-of-Way (Major)," and "Petroleum Pipeline Right-of-Way (Major)" with an interstate or intrastate purpose shall be located within the "West-wide Energy Corridor," or the "Sigurd to Red Butte Energy Corridor," as identified by Millard County's Official Map, in compliance with all County Land Use Ordinances.
- ~~If location within the West-wide Energy Corridor for a new "Electric Transmission Right-of-Way (Major)," "Gas Pipeline Right-of-Way (Major)," or "Petroleum Pipeline~~

~~Right-of-Way (Major),” is not feasible, as determined by Millard County, (and not associated with a “Electric Generating Facility” or “Wind Energy System (Major)” located in the County), the new utility transmission corridor shall be located immediately adjacent to an existing transmission corridor, in compliance with all County Land Use Ordinances. “Immediately adjacent” shall mean located so as to share a common boundary with any right-of-way, easement, parcel, lot, or other recorded instrument.~~

- A new “Electric Transmission Right-of-Way (Major),” “Electric Substation (Major),” “Gas Pipeline Right-of-Way (Major),” or “Petroleum Pipeline Right-of-Way (Major),” and proposed outside of the West-Wide Energy Corridor or the Sigurd to Red Butte Energy Corridor, ~~or not immediately adjacent to an existing transmission corridor~~, shall apply for, and shall have approved, a Millard County General Plan and Utilities Corridor Map amendment prior to the approval of any required land use application(s).
- A Millard County General Plan Amendment Application and/or a Utilities Corridor Map Amendment Application may, at the discretion of the Millard County Planning Commission, be considered concurrently with a Land Use Application necessary to permit a “Electric Generating Facility,” “Wind Energy System (Major),” “Electric Transmission Right-of-Way (Major),” “Gas Pipeline Right-of-Way (Major),” or and “Petroleum Pipeline Right-of-Way (Major).”
- The location and operation of all utility facilities and transmission corridors shall not harm the quality, quantity and integrity of all surface and groundwater resources. No major utility facilities and transmission corridors shall be permitted in the floodplain or to cross the Sevier River, or any other permanent river, stream, or other surface water of Millard County.
- The location and operation of all major utility facilities and transmission corridors located in Millard County shall not harm the viability of any agriculture activities or the agricultural base of Millard County.
- The Millard County Major Utility Corridors Official Map shall identify the location of ~~the West-Wide Energy Corridor and~~ all approved major utility transmission corridors.
- Coordinate with neighboring Counties, including Juab, Sevier, and Beaver Counties on the location of all interstate and intrastate utility facilities and transmission corridors.
- The location of utility facilities and transmission corridors with an interstate or intrastate purpose should be located so as to avoid impacts on privately owned lands located within Millard County.

- For the purposes of land use planning and land use application review and approval procedures provide a definition for “major and “minor” utilities and transmission facilities in the Millard County Code.
- Make all necessary revisions and amendments to the Land Use Ordinances of the County to provide for, and facilitate, the establishment of all approved major utility transmission corridors ~~the “West-wide Energy Corridor”~~ as identified by Millard County’s Official Map.

Objective: *Continue to ensure the utility needs of the County are met concurrent with County growth and development while mitigating any impacts to residents, businesses and property owners.*

- Minimize as much as practicable, all negative impacts and disruptions to existing uses, including farmlands and prime agricultural lands that may be created by utility facilities and transmission corridors.
- Make all necessary revisions and amendments to the County’s Land Use Ordinances to provide for major and minor utilities consistent with the requirements of Federal and State laws, as applicable.
- Monitor the changing technologies of the utility industry for changes that may affect the County.
- Make necessary proactive revisions and update amendments to the County’s Land Use Ordinances necessary to provide appropriate responses to changes occurring in the utilities industry.

Objective: *Continue to support the development of existing energy sources and support the development and use of “green” renewable energy sources.*

Implementation Strategies:

- Provide within the zoning structure of the County requirements that address both large-scale commercial and private small scale energy systems including systems that may provide electrical power by utilizing fossil fuels, water, wind, solar and geothermal energy sources.
- Include provisions within the Land Use, and other Ordinances of the County that address and provide reasonable opportunities for the installation of various types and sizes of renewable energy systems.